

Your rates in 2024–25

Your rates contribute to a range of Council services; from the construction and maintenance of local roads and bridges, to swimming pools, boat ramps, libraries and sporting fields. Our Operational Plan 2024-25, available on our website, has a full list of what you can expect from Council this year.

The 2024-25 Rates and Charges Notice shows the amount payable for your property, made up of the General Rate and Environmental Levy, and charges for the delivery of water, sewer, waste and stormwater services.

How have rates and charges changed?

This financial year Council will increase the General Rate and the Environmental Levy by 5.5%. This includes the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal's rate pegging amount of 4.5% plus a population growth factor of 1%.

Other changes to 2024-25 charges include:

- The minimum water access charge for residential and business connections increasing from \$375.00 to \$390.00 per annum.
- The water usage charge increasing from \$4.00 to \$4.10 per kilolitre. For a typical residential bill using an average of 120 kilolitres per year this is an increase of 2.5%. Water accounts are sent three times a year following meter readings in July/Aug, Nov/Dec, March/April.
- The minimum sewerage access charge for residential and business connections increasing by 4.63% to \$1,130.00 per annum.
- Waste charges increasing by 5.5% to \$356.60 per annum for a typical household with access to the kerbside garbage, recycling and green waste collections.

How are rates calculated?

The General Rate and the Environmental Levy are made up of two parts: the same base charge for all ratepayers and a variable 'rate in the dollar' amount based on your land value. Your land value is calculated by the NSW Valuer General. Eurobodalla land values were reviewed in 2022 and you were notified of your valuation by mail. These revised valuations came into effect for rating purposes from 1 July 2023.

The table below shows how the rates for a residential property are calculated using the shire's average residential land value of \$521,749.

Average residential property	General Rate - Residential	Environmental Levy
Base charge	\$600.00	\$23.50
Rate in the dollar	\$602.10*	\$23.08**
Total general rate and levy	\$1202.10	\$46.58

*Residential $0.001154 \times \$521,749$. The rate in the dollar for business categories is 0.005819 and farmland categories is 0.000790

**Environmental $0.00004424 \times \$521,749$


The amounts shown on your Rates and Charges Notice include the above calculation plus any other annual charges applicable. These are explained on the back of this flyer.


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Rates and Charges Notice

General Enquiries (02) 4474 1000
Account Enquiries (02) 4474 1355
Office Hours: 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

Account Number

Date of Issue

Rating Category

Land Value

Valuation Base Date

For important information about this notice and additional payment methods please see overleaf and the enclosed brochure

PROPERTY Location and Description

PARTICULARS of Rates and Charges

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| 1 Residential or Business or Farm Land (General Rates) | 5 Garbage Availability |
| 2 Environmental Levy | 6 Garbage Collection Service |
| 3 Water Charge | 7 Waste Management Charge |
| 4 Sewerage Charge | 8 Stormwater Charge |

Water and sewer charges

As the provider of water and sewer services in our community Council includes annual charges for these services on your Rates and Charges Notice. We do this to save costs in printing and distribution.

By presenting our General Rate and water and sewer charges totalled on one notice, Eurobodalla rates can appear to be more expensive than localities where ratepayers receive a separate invoice for water and sewer services.

1 Residential or Business or Farm Land (General Rate)

Services included in the General Rate are: Road and bridge maintenance and construction, parks and reserves, playing fields and sporting facilities, paths and cycleways, swimming pools, libraries, youth and community centres, public halls, public litter collection, flood mitigation, emergency services, cemeteries, street lighting, bus shelters, boat ramps and animal control.

2 Environmental Levy

Covers dune care, estuary management, weed and pest control, environmental monitoring, foreshore protection and studies that will help develop plans for the protection of our waterways and ecological systems.

3 Water Charge

Applies to all properties (including vacant land) that are connected to OR are within 225 metres of a Council water pipe. This charge is a contribution towards the construction and upgrading of dams and reservoirs,

general operations and maintenance. (Vacant land is charged because the infrastructure is available when you are ready to build). Water Usage Accounts are sent separately in August, December and April following meter readings.

4 Sewerage Charge

Applies to all properties (including vacant land) that are connected to OR are within 75 metres of a Council sewer main. This charge is a contribution towards the construction and upgrading of treatment plants, pumping stations, general operations and maintenance. (Vacant land is charged because the infrastructure is available when you are ready to build).

5 Garbage Availability

Applies to all properties (including vacant land) within the domestic waste collection area. It covers maintenance, leachate testing at tips, supervision of garbage services, administration expenses and planning for future tips. (Vacant land is charged because the tips are already operational and available).

6 Garbage Collection Service

Applies to all properties within the domestic collection area (excluding vacant land) supplied with garbage bins by Council. It covers the cost of waste collection services. These services include weekly collection of an 80-litre garbage bin and fortnightly collection of a 240-litre recycling bin and a 240-litre garden organics bin, as well as the annual hard waste collection.

7 Waste Management Charge

Applies to all properties and covers the costs associated with providing and maintaining Council's tips, waste transfer stations, waste minimisation programs, and general tip maintenance for waste not collected from the kerbside service.

8 Stormwater Charge

Is used to improve the performance of stormwater infrastructure protecting private property from discharge from public lands (including roads) and ensuring the quality of stormwater harvested and discharged into waterways.

Pensioner rebate

If you are receiving a pensioner rebate it is shown on your Rates and Charges Notice. If it is not shown and you think you may be eligible for the rebate, contact Council's rates team on 02 4474 1355.

Get your rates notice delivered straight to your inbox

Sign up now to have your rates and water notices emailed. It's quick, easy, secure and environmentally friendly. Your rates notice has the website to visit and the reference number you need to sign up.

Paying your rates

You can pay your rates in four instalments due by 31 August, 30 November, 28 February and 31 May or pay the whole year's rates in one sum by 31 August 2024.

To arrange a direct debit please complete the application form available on Council's website www.esc.nsw.gov.au/rates or call the rates team on 02 4474 1355 to have a form posted to you.

Interest on late payment

The NSW Minister for Local Government sets the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges each year. Interest for 2024-25 will be charged at 10.5%.

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